



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JULY 23, 2008**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó  
Vice Chair Frank Bacio  
Barbara Bigby  
Vito Cannella  
Rita Hall  
Carl E. Moore

##### Excused Absence

John A. Hammargren

##### Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff  
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

#### **APPROVAL OF JULY 16, 2008, MEETING MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Vice Chair Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of July 16, 2008, were approved with the following changes:**

On page 4, under "Chair's Report", add article "*Jail Care for Women Is Criticized*", Los Angeles Times, July 12, 2008, regarding female inmates in the Los Angeles County jail system waiting weeks, even months before receiving requested medical care.

On page 6, under "Facility/Group Homes Inspection Reports, from July 9, 2008 to July 15, 2008" under "Human Services Network (Shadow Hills), 30, #4," change, "found to be in satisfactory condition" to "...found to be in *poor* condition"...

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montañó reported on one (1) article:

"Supervisors Order Probe Of Problem Workers at King," Los Angeles Times, July 23, 2008, regarding employees from Martin Luther King Jr. Harbor Medical Center with criminal histories continuing to work violating County policies.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,972.83.

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION QUARTERLY REPORT FOR APRIL – JUNE 2008**

**On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Vice Chair Bacio, with a vote of four ayes: Commissioners Bacio, Cannella, Hall and Moore, and one nay: Chair Montañó, the Commission approved removing the following homes; Touch A Life Foundation Group Home #1, and Zenith Youth Group Home #3 from the "Sybil Brand Commission Quarterly Report for April - June 2008."**

**On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Vice Chair Bacio, and unanimously carried, the Sybil Brand Commission Quarterly Report for April – June 2008 was approved with the following change:**

On page 1, under "Ha're John's Paradise Group Home'," add "*Lack of supervision (cited by Community Care Licensing Division); need documentation of emergency drills; menus not posted.*"

### **CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT**

There were none.

Commissioner Bigby joined the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

### **FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM JULY 16, 2008 TO JULY 22, 2008,**

#### **Maryvale – 38, #1 – Commissioners Bacio and Hall**

The facility was visited on July 17, 2008, and found to be in good condition.

#### **Hillsides Home For Children (Main Campus) – 28, #5 – Commissioner Cannella**

The facility was visited on July 17, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Hillsides Home For Children (Hillsides Sierra Home) – 29, #1 – Commissioner Cannella**

The facility was visited on July 17, 2008; however, the inspection was not conducted because the home was being renovated.

**David & Margaret Home (Casa Bonita) – 14, #2 – Commissioners Bigby and Hammargren**

The facility was visited on July 21, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**David & Margaret Home (La Casa) – 13, #4 – Commissioners Bigby and Hammargren**

The facility was visited on July 21, 2008, and found to be in good condition.

**Orange County Children's foundation (Emancipation Institute) – 45, #4 – Commissioner Montaño**

The facility was visited on July 21, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Bourne Inc – 4, #4 – Commissioner Cannella**

The facility was visited on July 21, 2008, and found to be in need of improvement.

**Areas of Concern:** Burners on the stove not working; no computers; food supplies were low; staff did not have keys to client files; Needs and Services Plan" not at site; no records of disaster drills/emergency drills; records of allowances and spending were not available; bedrooms were messy; clothing on the floor.

**David & Margaret Home (Winterhaven) – 14, #1 – Commissioner Montaño**

The facility was visited on July 22, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Sybil Brand Commission Scholarship presentations will be held on August 12, 2008 during the Board of Supervisors meeting.

The Sybil Brand Commission meetings for July 30, 2008, and August 13, 2008 will be cancelled.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

Inspections of Youth Facilities and Jails in the Northwest Area.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montaño adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. in memory of Kevin Wicks, the third shooting victim in Inglewood this year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division